

WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER
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This is not the newsletter that we, the much reduced committee, would have liked to put out. As usual, an astonishing lack of interest and commitment on the part of the eight hundred women that regularly receive this essential communication resulted in a workforce of two disgusted feminists. Having decided to cease conspiring in the exploitation of the willing few by the apathetic many, we have made this issue a double one, covering both January and February. No plans for the March newsletter exist at this point. If there is to be a March issue, several women will have to commit themselves to work on it by signing a sheet in the main office before February 15. We remain willing to share our skills with others; however, as of now, there seem to be none with whom to share them.

"Ask not for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

At the December 7th meeting of the CC reports were given by representatives from the Project groups. The Employment Discrimination Committee announced that they would be holding regularly scheduled counseling sessions from 5-8 on Sundays. Domestic Relations is beginning work for the "Go your own divorce" project. Sophie's Parlor emphasized that the coffeshouse is to be used for social activities, not meetings. The Funding Committee reported on the meeting with the Women's Action Program of FE., which was basically an exchange of information. Discussion followed on establishing liaisons with other women's groups in the city. Resolutions were passed to close the Center during the Holidays and to place reminders on individual rooms about closing times and procedures for locking the building.

The rough drafts for the introduction packet were handed out at the December 14th meeting and the committee asked for input from members of project groups. Copies will be placed in the main office for all Center women to look at and make suggestions about. Printing plans were tentatively set for the 3rd week in January. There was further discussion on liaisons with other women's groups. It was suggested that women with personal contact groups outside the Center contact the office staff. Two groups who had asked for input from the Center were discussed: The Community Bookstore and

the City Council. It was decided to post a notice about the Bookstore and that we could not make enforcements for the City Council. A financial report was given by the bookkeeper which is on page 5 of this newsletter. Money for a light fixture in the Library was allocated.

Several procedures and policies were set at the December 21st meeting. First, there will be no crashers in the Center though live-ins may have guests for whom they are responsible. A motion was passed for a series of workshops to discuss a Statement of Purpose for the Center. The secretary for the CC meeting will be responsible for placing motions that need action in the task book. Linda Joston resigned as co-treasurer and Shirl Smith was voted the new co-treasurer from the CC. Suggestions were made to designate co-editors for the newsletter and to collect articles about the Center for a media scrapbook. Literature will now be located in the main office.

On January 4th the CC allocated seed money for the Literature group and discussed guidelines for types of things that will be available in the Center. Crisis housing and the need for a separate project group to work on this was also talked about. It was suggested that the Statement of Purpose workshops be placed on the agenda for the next General Assembly meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The November 18th meeting of the GA began with a discussion of the confusion and misinformation about the time of the meeting and other events at the Center. From now on the newsletter will contain the agenda for the meeting and any woman can put items for discussion on a proposed agenda sheet in the main office. GA meetings will begin at 2 and a social hour will precede the meeting. Reports were given on the guidelines, the lack of input on the newsletter, the formation of a Speaker's Bureau and the progress on the Library. Voting on the guidelines was deferred until they could be published in the newsletter and all Center members had time to consider them.

The CC meeting was held in December because few women were present. The next GA meeting is set for Sunday, January 21st. Below is the proposed agenda:

1. Voting on the guidelines
2. Discussion of workshops to develop a Statement of Purpose for the Women's Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PROJECT GROUPS

OFFICE COLLECTIVE

The office collective would like to emphasize that all the women who put hours in staffing are a part of the group and ideas and suggestions are needed from everyone so that we can operate more efficiently. Almost all the procedures involved in

staffing have been typed up and are on file in the main office. Attempts are being made to keep the task book up-to-date and get the basic day-to-day jobs done, but the staff needs more women, particularly on nights when there are many meetings and few staff people (Monday, Monday). Meetings of the office staff are held on Fridays at 6:30.

SOPHIE'S PARLOR

Sophie's Parlor would like contacts with women musicians--folk, rock, classical, jazz, etc., so that women's music can take place in the coffeehouse regularly. If you would like to work on this and/or are a musician contact Nancy at 667-4904. Sophie's Parlor will be open for jamming on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon of each month from 2-6 PM. We have three rooms so many different kinds of music can happen at the same time. Bring your instrument music and fun and meet other musicians who are into what you're doing. Also, we're looking for a piano in good condition that someone would donate to the Center. Any leads?

Continuing and coming up...

Monday night is now reserved for special activities. Contact us if you have something in mind.

For everyone out there who can't wait to start biking this spring--we'd like to start planning trips and setting up schedules for trips starting in March. Would like a group to work out routes and be leaders of trips. If you'd like to work on this contact Ruth or Nancy at 667-4904. The first trip will be March 17th at 1:00 to explore Rock Creek Park.

There will be an open poetry reading the 1st Monday of each month. Share what you've been reading and/or writing! Peg Christian will be singing January 15th at 8:00. She will continue regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. \$1 donation. Pot luck supper is planned for every third Friday starting the 19th at 7:00 along with dancing every Saturday at 8:30 (free punch and snacks). We'll be looking for you!

SCJOURNER TRUTH SCHOOL NEWS

The Liberation School is finally going to get things together for a second term. They would like to have more involvement in every aspect of the operation of the School. Women are needed to help in co-ordinating classes, to help publicize the Liberation School and to keep in contact with area publications about what they're doing. Women to teach courses, conduct seminars or help out in any other activity such as discussion series, film viewings etc. are also needed. The Project Group would like to know what courses women would like to take. Please call the Women's Center if you have any questions or information. If no one can answer your questions, leave a message for the Liberation School and someone will call you back. You can also call Lesly at 936-3994 or Barbara at 362-0364. A meeting for co-ordinating will be set up soon. Call the Women's Center for date and time.

Financial Report

Following is a comparison of the expenses of the Women's Center to amount which has been received on a monthly basis. The only money which is expected is that pledged in sustainers. At the present time there are twenty-five women pledging amounts from five dollars to twenty dollars for six to twelve months. The first chart shows pledges and amount paid per month.

	# of women pledged	amount pledged	amount received
September	thirty (30)	\$255.00	\$122.50
October	thirty (30)	\$236.00	\$167.50
November	thirty (30)	\$266.00	\$152.50
December	twenty-five (25)	\$257.50	\$65.00*

*as of 12-15-72

(Six sustainers have been paid in full)

(This amount paid is based on the date on the check received.)

However, some checks are not received until a week or two later)

The following is a list of the expenses for running the Center for one month:

1. Rent	\$ 395.00
2. Utilities	\$ 190.00
3. Office Supplies (including material for newsletter)	\$ 100.00
4. Mailing	\$ 30.00
5. Building Supplies	\$ 100.00
	\$ 815.00

These are average figures based on the last three months.

	sustain- ers	Gifts & Donations	Cash Collec- tions	Fund- raising events	rent	Total
September	\$240.12	\$431.50	\$44.55	\$164.95*		\$881.02
October	\$192.50	\$127.64	\$ 1.00		\$50.00	\$371.14
November	\$177.50	\$242.00	\$ 5.75	\$161.92*	\$50.00	\$536.23
December*	\$ 60.00	\$ 33.16	\$ 5.00		\$50.00	\$223.16

*as of 12-15-72

Theory Reading--Robin Morgan

Women's Dance

(The reason for the higher figures in "collected" column above is due to the fact that checks dated the previous month are not received until the following month.)

As of December 1, 1972, the Women's Center had a balance of \$6609.31. Of this amount, \$3072.32 is reserved for various project groups. This amount is earmarked and cannot be used for general operating expenses. This leaves \$3536.93 for running the Center.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8 / 7:30 pm HEALTH PROJECT ABORTION COUNSELORS	9 / 7:30 Feminist COUNSELLING COLLECTIVE 8:00 pm DOMESTIC RELATIONS LEGAL COUN.	10 / 7:30 COFFEE HOUSE MEETING	11 / 7:30 COORDINATING COUNCIL	12 /	13 /	14 / 5:00-8:00 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COUNSELLING in Sophie PARLOR
15 / 7:30 pm HEALTH PROJECT ABORTION COUNSELORS	16 / 7:30 F.C.C. 8:00 pm MAJOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS LEGAL COUNSELLING MEETING 8:00 pm CHRISTIANSON	17 / 7:30 C.H.M. RAPE CRISIS CENTER ORIENTATION CALL 333-RAPE	18 / 7:30 C.C.	19 / 6:00 POTLUCK SUPPER	20 /	21 / 1:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR 2:00 pm GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
22 / 7:30 pm HEALTH PROJECT ABORTION COUNSELORS	23 / 7:30 F.C.C. 8:00 pm DRLC.	24 / 7:30 C.H.M.	25 / 7:30 C.C.	26 /	27 /	28 / JAM IN SOPHIE'S PARLOR
29 / 7:30 pm HEALTH + ME COUNSELORS ABORTION COUNSELORS	30 / 7:30 F.C.C. 8:00 DRLC	31 / 7:30 C.H.M.	1 / 7:30 C.C.	2 /	3 /	4 /

JANUARY

5/ 7:30 HEALTH PROTECT ABORTION COUNSELLORS	6/ 7:30 FEMINIST COUNSELLING COLLECTIVE 8:00 DOMESTIC RELATIONS LEGAL COUNSELLING	7/ 7:30 COFFEE HOUSE MEETING	8/ 7:30 COORDINATING COUNCIL	9/ 6:00 POT LUCK SUPPER	10/	11/
12/ 7:30 H.P. AB. C.	13/ 7:30 F.C.C. 8:00 D.R.L.C.	14/ 7:30 C.H.M.	15/ 7:30 C.C.	16/	17/	18/ 1:00 SOCIAL HOUR 2:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
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26/ 7:30 H.P. - AB. C.	27/ 7:30 F.C.C. 8:00 D.R.L.C.	28/ 7:30 C.H.M.	29/ 7:30 C.C.	30/	31/	32/

